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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Four Times Amended) closure for cable connection comprising: a pailr of sleeve members formed with a semicylindrical shape and joined to each other in a manner to be vertically separable from ea¢h other, resulting in providing a cylindrical sleeve which surfounds a cable connection section, said sleeve members each having abutting joint surfaces formed on both sides thereof, through which said sleeve members are joined together; end plates arranged on opposite ends of said sleeve and each formed with at least one cable guide hole through which a cable connected to said cable connection section is inserted, said end plates each integrally provided on the outer periphery surface the reof with a sealing member including a plurality of peak and valley shaped grooves which are integrally formed on the outer periphery surface of the end plate, said peak and valley shaped grooves extending in a circumferential direction of the end plate so as to be abutted

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